

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): SHIBATA, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/699,934  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INSPECTING DEFECTS  
Group: 2877  
Examiner: T. Ton  
Conf. No.: 3889

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

April 9, 2007

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the second month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed November 7, 2006. A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 501.43163X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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